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The following information on airfield construction projects was received between 14 and 26 March 1955:

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1. Luckau-Alteno.

As of 14 March 1955, there had been no indications of the intended construction work at Luckau-Alteno airfield. Surveying work is said to have been completed on 26 March 1955.¹

2. Grossenhain

Plans for the enlargement of Grossenhain airfield ~~was to continue~~. It was planned to increase the concrete ~~thickness of the old runway to a~~ thickness of 30 cm. Construction ~~of runway drainage structures~~ are also required in this connection. This project was known as Object No 72. On 24 March, it was learned that plans for the improvement of the field might be modified.²

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3. Welzow.

On 26 March it was learned at a major VPL construction headquarters that construction plans for Welzow airfield may be modified. An auxiliary taxiway was scheduled to be built and roads₃ were to be constructed to storage areas or to the firing range.

4. Goerlitz.

Goerlitz Bau Union Sued was erecting two installations for the VPL in Goerlitz. One building which measured 90 meters square and was referred to as building No 1 on construction plans was a cold storage house and was located near the Goerlitz-Weinhuebel station. Building No 2 was a warehouse and was located on a spur track of Rauschwalder Strasse. By 26 March, both installations had been turned over to the VPL. The warehouse was guarded by VPL personnel.⁴

5. Bautzen-Litten.

On 26 March, it was learned that a speed-up in the enlargement of Bautzen

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airfield was not expected, allegedly because of financial difficulties. Plans for a drainage system for a road scheduled to be built at the field were, however, completed. It is not likely that a concrete runway will be built at the installation in the near future.

6. Alt-Loennewitz.

On 26 March, a concrete taxiway was under construction at Alt-Loennewitz airfield. The order for the project was given by the Soviet construction staff in Werder. The project was known as Object No 71. Construction work at the field included the reinforcement of the concrete runway to a thickness of 30 centimeters. The runway had a total length of 2015 meters. A taxiway, 115 meters north of and parallel with the existing runway, was to be built.⁶

7. Drewitz

In late March, designs for a repair hangar at Drewitz airfield were being made.

8. Neuhausen

Only a target range was to be erected at Neuhausen airfield.⁸

1. Comment. This former airfield is located 6 kilometers east of Luckau at 13°47'30" E and 50°52'20" N. According to available information, a runway 2,300 meters long is scheduled to be built at Luckau-Alteno airfield. 25X1

2. Comment. This is the first information on the reinforcement of the runway at Grossenhain airfield. According to available information, the concrete runway at the field has a thickness of 35 centimeters. 25X1

3. Comment. It had been reported that barracks installations were to be built at Welzow. a sum of 11 million DMO has been allocated for this project. arrival of bricks at Welzow. 25X1

4. Comment. For location of this building, see town plan of Goerlitz.

5. Comment. In early September 1954, the Soviets ordered that concrete runways be built at all airfields where only runways built of runway mats existed. This order has not yet been executed.

6. Comment. Construction work at Alt-Loennewitz airfield is confirmed. The runway available at the field was previously believed to be only 2000 meters long. The new taxiway scheduled to be built north of the runway would connect the hangar area with the concrete runways of the field. It is believed that the ground attack regiment which is being retrained with MiG-15s has been transferred to Brandenburg-Briest for the duration of construction work at Alt-Loennewitz. 25X1

7. Comment. Three wooden hangars, each measuring 8 x 24 meters, are at present available at Drewitz airfield. The construction of a repair hangar is probable. 25X1

8. Comment. In June 1954, a surveying engineer reportedly visited Neuhausen airfield, an auxiliary airfield of the former German Luftwaffe. a runway 2,500 meters long was to be built at the field. No information has been received that this project was executed. The field is located about 11 kilometers southeast of Cottbus. 25X1

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